

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The process according to claim ~~[[11]]~~12, wherein the electromagnetic radiation has a wavelength ranging from 700 to 1200 nm.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The process according to claim ~~[[11]]~~12, wherein the electromagnetic radiation is laser radiation.

Claims 6-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (New): A process for assembling multilayer tapes comprising:  
providing an unoriented plastic tubular support;  
providing at least a first and second tape, each tape comprising:  
    at least one plastic layer oriented in at least one direction that is transparent to  
electromagnetic radiation, and  
    at least one layer that partially absorbs the energy transported by  
electromagnetic radiation;  
winding a first tape around the unoriented plastic tubular support, thereby  
forming a first tape thickness;  
winding at least a second tape around the unoriented plastic tubular support and the  
first tape thickness, thereby forming at least a second tape thickness; and

applying electromagnetic radiation in order to fusion bond the at least first and second tape thicknesses to each other and to the unoriented plastic tubular support.